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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
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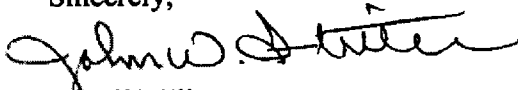
Re: Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., GCRM-133
Docket No: 2006-401-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has received, and had the opportunity to review, the above referenced filing made by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont" or "PNG") dated January 13, 2012. Piedmont requested a benchmark cost of gas decrease from the current \$3.25 per dekatherm to \$2.75 per dekatherm. Piedmont requests these changes to be effective with the first billing cycle in February 2012.

ORS has no objection to Piedmont's request for approval of GCRM-133. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely,


John W. Flitter

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